Art and Architectural Review Board

Minutes - APPROVED
November 4, 2022 at 10:00am
James Monroe Building, Rooms D & E
101 North 14th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219

1.0 ADMINISTRATION

10:11am 1.1 CALL TO ORDER
Lynden Garland, Chair
Attendance: Calder Loth, Lynden Garland, Jill Nolt, Rebecca Deeds

1.2 PUBLIC COMMENT
AARB Meetings are open for public comment. Rules for public comment can be obtained from the Department of General Services.
No public comments were presented

1.3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion to approve minute from October 7th Board meeting: Calder Loth
Second: Jill Nolt
Vote: 4Y, 0N

1.4 OTHER BUSINESS
No other business was presented

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

10:10am **2.1 Virginia Commonwealth University – Cary Street Field New Storage Sheds**
(Final Approval)
The project scope is the replacement of an existing 40 year old wooden storage shed that is currently shared by the Rec Sports and Athletics. The athletics shed will be shared by the Field Hockey and Lacrosse teams.
This project does not require DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

2.2 George Mason University – Johnson Center Entrance Vestibule Addition
(Final Approval)
This project consists of adding a new ground level entrance vestibule on the north side of the Johnson Center with a pair of storefront doors to serve as a secondary entrance to the bookstore from the recently renovated Wilkins Plaza area. The entrance addition is a single story, 377 square feet, with white composite metal panels, white aluminum frame storefront, and granite stone base to match adjacent entrance finishes.
No historic resources will be impacted by this project.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

2.3 George Mason University – Rivanna Module Demolition

(Final Approval)

This project consists of the demolition of a prefabricated fiberglass modular structure originally constructed in 1996. The existing structure is in fair to poor condition so is designated for demolition/removal. The area will be regraded and restored with vegetation. No new structure is scheduled to replace it.

Motion for final approval pending DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

2.4 Old Dominion University – MagLev Demolition

(Final Approval)

This project includes the demolition of the Maglev track. The Maglev (magnetic levitation) is the overhead structural track built in 2003 that runs in the east-west direction across campus, spanning from Powhatan Avenue to the 46th street Constant Center Parking Garage. The original intent for the track was that it be used for engineering specific studies related to the advancement of magnetic levitational technology; however, due to technical and financial issues of the past, the MagLev track never saw actual operation. The demolition scope of this project includes the removal of the girders, demolishing the columns to 9" below grade (foundations to be abandoned), and the replacement of the small areas of concrete immediately surrounding the demolished columns. The (2) two girder spans that cross Hampton Blvd. are currently being evaluated by structural to determine if these "ODU Gateway" spans can be left in place. Note: This is intended to be a phased project consisting of (2) two phases. Phase 1 includes the demolition activities described above, while leaving the paving in place and patching where necessary. Phase two, a future phase and not included in this submission, will be an overall beautification project to unify the pedestrian link across campus creating a pervious paver fire lane improving first responder access to many buildings on campus.

Motion for final approval pending DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

2.5 Department of Conservation and Recreation – Chippokes State Park River House Repairs

(Final Approval)

The project includes repairs and repointing of the brick foundation and chimneys using lime mortar, repairs and repainting of the wood siding, re-glazing of several missing window panes, and replacement-in-kind of the existing cedar shake roof.

Motion for final approval pending continued consultation with DHR.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

2.6 University of Virginia – FM Fabrication Shop

(Final Approval)

A new Fabrication Shop for Facilities Management at the University of Virginia is being proposed at the Facilities Management Yard. It would contain material storage and workshop space for the power and light team, storage and metal fabrication space for the utilities team, a large conference room and restrooms. The proposed facility will be a one-story structure approximately 20 ft in height with split face CMU. The building footprint is

40 ft by 80 ft (totaling 3,200 SF) with an additional adjacent 30 ft by 30 ft (900 SF) covered pad.

This project does not require DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 3Y, 0N, 1Abs

2.7 University of Virginia – Law School SL184 Renovation

(Final Approval)

The renovation occurs on the first floor of the existing Slaughter Hall of the UVA School of Law campus. The area of work is roughly 1,800 SF and is made up of the prior copy center and vending space. The copy center has fallen out of use and will be renovated to incorporate two journals that will be moving from their current location on the second floor of Withers Brown Hall (one of the other buildings making up the Law campus). The space will include business suites for each group comprised of both closed-door offices and open office space. The two groups will share a break room space and conference room to maximize the square footage of their respective suites. Exterior windows will be added to bring natural light into the shared spaces (break room and conference room). The windows will be fixed aluminum storefront windows to match the existing punched windows along the existing Slaughter Hall façade and to match the recent renovations that have replaced existing windows. The existing building has a mix of ribbon and punched openings. Punched openings were chosen due to the existing context that where brick is present on the exterior, punched openings occur. Ribbon windows occur in facades made of concrete.

This project does not require DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 3Y, 0N, 1Abs

2.8 University of Virginia – College at Wise Child Care Center

(Final Approval)

The lack of adequate childcare has been a longstanding issue for the College at Wise, impacting faculty, staff, and students alike. This facility will provide convenient, affordable high-quality care for preschool children. The center will house a pilot program for training daycare professionals to serve the local community.

The building is a single-story, 3,696 S.F. Day Care Center constructed using four 14' x 66' pre-manufactured mobile units that are elevated approximately 39" above grade. The building has a flat rubber membrane roof, grey vertical ribbed steal siding, a light gray roof edge, and light grey perimeter skirting to grade. Aluminum, natural finished stairs, landings, ramps, and railings will be field installed at each of the six exit doors. Other exterior materials include 8' high vinyl-coated chain link fencing with privacy slats around the perimeter of the playgrounds. There will be new asphalt driving lanes, drop-off and parking areas, and concrete walks and curbs. It is hoped that large-format, graphic signage will identify the building and its use. Buffer plantings of shrubs will help integrate the modules into the site.

Motion for final approval pending continued consultation with DHR.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 3Y, 0N, 1Abs

2.9 University of Virginia – Physics Building Renewal Classroom Renovation

(Final Approval)

The Physics Building began a phased renovation in the summer of 2022 (approved by AARB in August 2020) that is funded by state general funds. As planning progressed, the College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (CLAS) developed a plan to convert two existing nested and steeply tiered classrooms at the west end of the building into flat floor and hybrid active learning classrooms. This was not part of the scope of the state-funded project, but the University will be able to leverage the timing of the renewal project and convert these two outdated classrooms into more flexible and modern space.

Motion for final approval pending continued consultation with DHR.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 3Y, 0N, 1Abs

2.10 College of William & Mary VIMS – Davis Hall Event Pavillion

(Final Approval)

The project scope consists of construction of an 880 square foot, open sided pavilion with a roof cover intended for outdoor events and casual gatherings. The structure is a pole-barn style timber frame with a single slope shed roof. The floor of the pavilion is a concrete slab on grade, with a 3 foot wide river stone border. The timber frame will be pressure treated lumber on embedded precast concrete post bases. Wood surfaces will be finished with a semi-transparent stain and penetrating sealer. The roof is a through-fastener metal panel on wood purlins, suitable for an open-sided pavilion. The total floor area of the pavilion is 880 square feet, with exterior dimensions of 20' X 44'.

Motion for final approval pending DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

2.11 Virginia Tech – Squires Student Center Sloped Walk

(Final Approval)

The university desires to improve accessibility to all campus facilities and to provide more direct ADA compliant routes. This project proposes to add an exterior ramp and berm alongside the existing brick faced wall along Squires Plaza, adjacent to the dining patio, to provide a more direct accessible route to the facility on approach from the west. Accessible parking is available in the parking lot across College Avenue.

This project does not require DHR review.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

2.12 College of William and Mary – Monroe and Old Dominion Hall Renovations

(Final Approval)

Monroe and Old Dominion Halls are existing four-story brick dormitories of approximately 40,000SF each, which will be renovated to provide state of the art residence halls. The renovation will maintain the exterior architectural character of the building while improving the envelope by replacing the windows and roof. All of the building systems and finishes will be replaced in order to enhance the quality of the indoor environment. The renovated building will be fully ADA accessible, including but not limited to access into the building and to all floors of the building with a new elevator. Existing bike storage areas will be repurposed for outdoor gathering spaces, to provide additional social space. Existing site lighting will be supplemented with campus standard poles. Existing brick walkways will be maintained or restored. Since AARB Preliminary approval, the scope of the landscaping as been reduced to maintaining the existing brick walkways and replacing plantings affected

by construction. The final selection of plants will be made from the proposed palette attached. The existing dumpster pad adjacent Old Dominion will be reused for a terrace. Regrading along the North of Old Dominion will address water infiltration at the basement windows. W&M has submitted architectural and archaeological surveys requested by DHR.
Motion for final approval pending clarification on the windows plans, whether or not the previously submitted pergola structure continue to be a part of the design plan, and insurance that adequate spacing is provided for the bike racks.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

2.13 Virginia Commonwealth University – White House Fire Escape Replacement

(Final Approval)
The project is the replacement of the wooden fire escape from the second and third floors and a wooden ADA ramp to the side door with a steel fire escape and a brick and concrete ramp.
Agency is conducting ongoing consultation with DHR for this project.
Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

3.0 PROJECT REVIEWS

3.1 Science Museum of Virginia – Northern Virginia Science Center

(Final Approval)
Area: 69,139 GSF per DGS-30-219 Stories: 2
The Northern Virginia Science Center is a new major regional facility that will be built in the Kincora Development in Loudoun County Virginia. It is a joint effort between the Science Museum of Virginia and the Children's Science Center, a Fairfax based 501(c) 3 non-profit organization. The project will advance the Science Museum's mission to inspire Virginians to enrich their lives through science, in alignment with the Center's mission to instill a love of learning and science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). The Northern Virginia Science Center will provide five main galleries and include full-service amenities including classrooms and multi-purpose rooms, retail, administration, and office areas as well as maker space and exterior terraces. The project will seek a minimum of LEED certification. Planned exterior wall materials include Alucabond metal panel rainscreen and a Taktl ultra high-performance concrete (UHPC) panel rainscreen urban facing south façade along Knowledge drive. As we transition to the natural side of the site the materials transition to a wood look Trespa High Pressure Laminate panel rainscreen, and a Taktl (UHPC) panel rainscreen base.
Motion for final approval contingent upon submission to DHR of photo documentation of the Toll House before construction concludes, presentation of requested materials to the Board at a future meeting date and consideration of the following recommendations from the Board: Consider changes to the fire turnaround; Consider the cost of maintenance for green and meadow areas; Consider using native plants as a teachable moment; Consider altering the landscaping and positioning of the bench design at the front entrance to allow for more seating and to prevent foot traffic; Consider developing additional seating areas for congregating visitors; Consider using taller plant species in the bed area wrapping the main entrance side of the building; Consider options to more easily identify main entrance; Consider an alternate pattern for the concrete pavers. The Board would like to see the following items at a future presentation: More detailed renderings of seating plans, lighting, "cloud" design at front entrance, signage, street crossing, and furniture.

Motion to approve: Jill Nolt
Second: Rebecca Deeds
Vote: 4Y, 0N

3.2 University of Mary Washington – New Theatre and Fine Arts Renovation

(Preliminary Approval)

New Theatre Located off the historic core of campus and seen as a bridge between campus and community, the project is approximately 62,000 gross square feet and consists of theatre education, production shops, and 2 performance venues consisting of a 300-seat proscenium theatre and a 150-seat studio theatre. The building massing is primarily 2-story with a 4-story tall fly-tower. The massing of the building follows classical proportioning using the Golden Ratio. The building structure is a combination of steel and concrete with an enclosure primarily in brick with stone accents to match the campus standard. Larger expanses of curtain wall are located at the two main elevations, along the lobby on the southeast (community side) and at the large rehearsal studios on the northwest (campus side). Punched windows with brick accents and stone sills will populate the northeast elevation. The public face of the building is articulated with a colonnaded porch as an extension of the lobby and as a shading element to the lobby beyond. Fine Arts Renovation Remodeling of the entire approx. 89,000 GSF existing complex is planned. The remodel will address long-standing program needs in space, safety, accessibility, circulation, and quality of space. A large part of the renovation planning will address circulation and wayfinding from one end of the complex to the other without having to exit the building and re-entering. The exterior of the building and structure will remain generally intact with minor additions planned and noted above. As part of the circulation modifications, the existing exterior walkways that flank duPont Hall will be enclosed to become interior circulation space. Remodeling work at the interior and exterior are planned to match the historic original building. Exterior modifications include 5 additions equating to approximately 4,177 gross square feet: one at ceramics, one at sculpture, one at instrument rehearsal and one at each "knuckle" of the complex that connects Pollard and Melchers Halls to duPont Hall. Existing complex is 3 level with brick cladding and wood windows. Existing roof is adhered and ballasted single ply membrane in need of repair.

Motion for preliminary approval contingent completion on an MOU and continued consultation with DHR and consideration of the following recommendations from the Board: For the Fine Arts: Consider limiting the use of pickets on the front ramps. The Board would like to see more detailed renderings of the following: Landscaping, tree choices and placement; Exterior work yard screen; Seating and accessibility routes. For the Theatre: Consider the overall width of the front entrance; Consider the design and materials for the East elevation frame; Consider aesthetic changes to the sides of the buildings (especially any outward facing pedestrian traffic); Consider alternate column spacing and design (including fins); Consider alternate brick paver pattern; Consider maintenance of green roof if this will be part of the final design; Consider an additional parapet as a buffer if the green roof is not part of the final design; Consider landscaping options to accentuate the front entrance. The Board would like to see more detailed renderings of the following: True elevations of all four sides; The route from the front up to the building entrance; Roofing based on the direction decided for the project.
Motion to approve: Rebecca Deeds
Second: Calder Loth
Vote: 3Y, 0N, 1Abs

4.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Next AARB Meeting is December 2, 2022.

5.0 MEETING ADJOURNED

The meeting adjourned at 12:53pm.